

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: Chair recognizes Senator Dworak. All right. Chair recognizes Senator Nichol.

SENATOR NICHOL: Mr. Chairman, members of the Legislature, I'd like to ask Senator Simon two questions please. The first one, why not the full price instead of the half price?

SENATOR SIMON: Senator Nichol, since they are.... I'm getting coaching from the left, but I think I can probably handle it. I think there are a couple of reasons. First of all, they are not using the roads. They're not going to be driving, they're not going to be going and taking the tests, they're not going to be taking the time of the examiners. The figure of \$3.50, which was half, is not a magic one. It does cover all of the costs. It does allow for a little bit of profit. I think, originally as a matter of fact in the handout that I provided for you yesterday we started off with seven and then I thought it really shouldn't be that high because they're not utilizing all the services. So I just came up with half.

SENATOR NICHOL: It's just an arbitrary figure?

SENATOR SIMON: Yes, it is.

SENATOR NICHOL: Would you entertain the thought of charging full price?

SENATOR SIMON: I really don't think that would be right. Maybe somewhere between half and full price. Like I say they're not using all the services. Senator Cullan says four, Do I hear 4 and a half? I don't have that strong feelings about it. The main thing is we get the card in. I think the card probably should be at less than full cost to normal users.

SENATOR NICHOL: You're going to go through the rigamarole of sending part of that money back when we didn't decide to do that yesterday on those who pay the full price?

SENATOR SIMON: It would be exactly.... The way it's set up, Senator Nichol, is it would be exactly the same procedure as we have now. There is no attempt to make the amendment to be more difficult or more confusing. It will be exactly the same system that we currently have.

SENATOR NICHOL: Would this card look like a drivers license?

SENATOR SIMON: Yes. I might add,...thank you, as long as I may talk for a second of your time, we've already checked with the people from the Motor Vehicles Department. I've been in contact with them through my staff at least three or four times. They would have no problem in implementing this. It would work out fine.

SENATOR NICHOL: Could they pass this off as a drivers license? Would it say something else other than what it says on a drivers license?

SENATOR SIMON: They assured me that there are other states that use this, that there are at least a couple of different ways that they can do it. There would be no way that it could be mistaken for a drivers license.

SENATOR NICHOL: It says something else other than drivers license on it.